

JOHNSON HAS SAVED \$100,000;  
DOESN'T FEAR BECOMING POOR

Former Champion Says He Has Been Credited With Spending Ten Times as Much as He Really Did, and that He Has Been Consistently Saving Money; Expects Harvest From Moving Pictures.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Jack Johnson has about \$100,000 stowed away just now with the prospect of getting from \$100,000 to \$300,000 more through the moving picture sales of the Johnson-Willard film. This means that the former pugilistic king can live in style and comparative luxury the balance of his days if he doesn't take to throwing his money away in large chunks.

If Johnson lived at the rate of \$10,000 a year (that is about \$30 a day for the rest of his life), it would mean that he could live about 20 years longer and leave some money behind, even if he never got a dollar from the moving picture sales. The \$100,000 that Johnson now has can be depended upon to draw interest around 4 percent yearly. That means that within a year Johnson's \$100,000 is good for \$10,000 (deduct \$10,000 from that for living expenses). That would mean a total of \$190,000 at the end of the second year. Deduct from that \$10,000 and it would leave Johnson \$180,000 at the end of the second year. Johnson's interest income for the third year would be about \$4500 shy of his outgo, leaving him something like \$185,000 to begin the fourth year with.

Continuing this little system of adding 4 percent interest each year and then deducting \$10,000 for living expenses and it will be seen that the negro can live to a ripe old age and still have a little left, even if he never gets a dollar from the moving picture sales.

But he will get a good deal from the moving picture sales—a big wind at that. He was shown enough to tie up the promoters of the bout to a contract calling for 50 percent of the moving picture income. If the ban against moving pictures is lifted in the United States it will mean that the gross income from the movie sale of the pictures will total around the \$500,000 mark. If the ban isn't lifted in the United States, the income from the sale of the pictures in China, Australia, the Orient and Europe will come close to \$1,000,000. That would give Johnson about \$1,000,000 for his divvy.

Johnson told us in Havana recently that he had "a sizeable little wind laid aside."

COLUMBIA TAKES UP  
FOOTBALL AGAIN

New York, May 8.—Hopes are entertained by undergraduates at Columbia that the Blue and White will make a good showing on the gridiron next fall; and it can be stated positively, even at this early stage, that South Field will hold a record crowd on October 14 when the season opens.

New York has not been represented by a first class football team since 1905, even though it possessed two possibilities in Fordham and New York university. Columbia may bring back the old days of a once-in-a-while victory over Yale, Harvard and Princeton after the five-year trial period is over. At present she looks for success with her smaller opponents of the caliber of Williams, Amherst, Trinity, Syracuse and Bowdoin.

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## "BECK'S" AMEN CORNER

BY "BECK."

"VETERANS" not "old men," is what Eugene E. Neff wants the class "over 35" in the Border States tennis tournament called. Mr. Neff declares that the "veterans" are not "old" and that they will show some of the youngsters something. By the way, the first five entries for the tournament came from "veterans," so they are already beating the youngsters to it.

HARRY KANE continues to hold the mark for speeding up the games in the Rio Grande league. Mahaffey and Stirling have been working under adverse weather conditions but both have an eye on the 1:15 mark made by Kane at Phoenix on Thursday.

TWO games Sunday should draw a big crowd to the Rio Grande league park. The new grandstand increases the seating capacity to 4000, so there will be room for all who come.

CLARENCE ROWLANDS evidently intends to have the fastest team on bases in the American league, but asking the Sox to steal every third base is asking quite a handful, thank you.

BILL HURLEY'S men get more out of their hits than the average ball players, for they can generally stretch a long single into a double. But Bill is hardly making the demands of Rowlands—yet.

CRUCES AND EL PASO TEAMS PLAY  
AFTER LAYOFF; MEN FULL OF PEP

Part of New Section of Grandstand Will Be Available for Use at Once; It is Built So that It Can Be Moved in Sections to Another Location Next Year; Brown Is Very Proud of His Tucson Team.

By "BECK."

AFTER a two day layoff the Rio Grande leaguers were due to get busy again Saturday afternoon at the Wyoming street park. The rest has done all the players good for four games played in high windstorms rather play havoc with anybody.

The Las Cruces and El Paso teams are now "even up" on the series, but as there are seven games to be played in all, they will have to be a real hot team to win the series. The Saturday game was called to start at 2 o'clock and the first being called at 2 o'clock.

Stoner McGilroy was expected to be called upon for mound duty on Saturday afternoon for the home crowd with Sammy Boer working for Las Cruces. On Sunday Jack Lewis will have his turn again, likely in the first game, with Killy Knight officiating in the second. Kallio and Black will do the heating for the Hurleyites, as it is likely that Russell will be left in the garden, owing to Goldie's sore hand.

The new section of the grandstand is now well under way. Part of it will be available for Saturday afternoon and Sunday. When completed, the grandstand will seat about 4000 persons while the bleachers will take care of 2100. With popular prices prevailing, there should be a capacity crowd out for all Sunday games.

James Doolittle, who lives in block 74, Grandview, is a real fan. He not only takes in the games, but is observer of conditions and has now come forward with a suggestion not a knock. Mr. Doolittle believes that the grandstand and bleachers should have been erected in the southwestern corner of the field instead of the northwestern.

"It would be asking too much, but it would be asking too much to have it done this year. Still, it would be well to keep it in mind for another season. There will be another season for El Paso fans and the Las Cruces and league ball is going to stick. We are not discouraged in spite of a start that left much to be desired."

Mr. Doolittle appends a sketch of how he would rearrange the park. He will be glad to know, however, that larger and better grounds for 1916 season are already being lined up and that the present stands are being so built that they may be moved in sections to the new location, which is even closer to the heart of the city than the present park.

Jim Brown isn't a bit discouraged by the way luck has been against the old Puellos in the series at Phoenix. In a letter to the sporting editor, he says that he is still smiling.

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Brashear got hurt Sunday and this has demoralized the youngsters. Have "Sport" McDougal joining the team Saturday and possibly another "old head" infielder. They can all say what they like, but I sure have a "sweet" pitching staff. Will use McDougal in the outfield when Brashear gets back.

"President" Hughes' action in the Pittman case has taught the ballplayers that they must observe the rules and has done a lot of good.

"Looks as though we will draw well in Tucson as soon as we get some warm weather. Have a sale started already on Callan, my young catcher. He is the best looking young backstop I have ever seen. Has a fine arm and you can never get past him."

Brown closes with a request for information as to whether McDougal will consider a deal for Nig Feltine, the local infielder.

With Tucson breezed up, there will be a great race. Douglas is strengthening and McDougal has lined out for one more man. When these reinforcements reach the circuit, there will be six well balanced clubs. Working them out on a point basis, I would figure the relative strength of the clubs at the present time as follows, giving the full points to the leading team.

Las Cruces, 100; Phoenix, 95; El Paso, 81; Tucson, 70; Albuquerque, 87; Douglas, 80. Douglas is admittedly weaker than the other clubs at the present time, but Quigley has men enroute who will put his team right in the race. First base and the pitching box are the weak spots with the locale. Albuquerque appears to have a hard hitting but only fair fielding aggregation. Tucson's weakness has been in the field, but Brown is strengthening that.

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FLANNIGAN SAYS JOHNSON OUT;  
FIGHT FANS SAY HE DID HIS BEST

Close Observers at Ringside in Havana Declare There Was No Faking on Negro's Part; that When He Went Out, He Went With a Thud, and Remained Out 20 Seconds; Coffey to Fight Willard Next.

BY T. S. ANDREWS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 8.—A statement appeared in a Toronto (Canada) paper the other day, purporting to be an interview with Tom Flannigan, former advisor to Jack Johnson, ex-champion, in which he was quoted as saying that Johnson was not knocked out by Jess Willard and that the negro made a monkey of the white hope until his strength was all gone, when he gently lay down and pretended to be counted out.

There must be something wrong with the alleged interview, for I do not believe Flannigan is the kind of man to make such a foolish statement. If Johnson was "gentle" then, it was the nearest bit of acting seen in many a day and completely hoodwinked a large bunch of boxing critics about the ringside and thousands of enthusiastic fans near by. It surely would be an awful shock to have the many experts at the ringside believe that Lili Arthur had turned such a trick on them, but it would require more than the Toronto story to convince even one of its verifiers.

Johnson Fought His Best. After the battle Tom Flannigan told me that Johnson had gone down fighting the best he could, that his strength was gone and that he could not further defend himself. That part is true, for Johnson was all in when Jess Willard did put on the finishing touches, but as to Johnson making a monkey out of Willard and beating him about as he pleased, is absolutely incorrect. Big Jess even outboxed Johnson at times and as Jack Welch, the referee, said, he could have beaten the negro any time he cared to push the fight after the eighth round. Willard played a safe game and proved a better watter than Johnson himself, for in the past Jack was always the watter and made his opponent go to him. Jess was urged by his manager, Tom Jones, to play

safe and that no doubt held him back longer than necessary.

When Willard did out loose in the 25th round it was evident to all that Johnson was weakening fast. Jess just turned on full steam and drove a right hand body blow under Johnson's heart so hard that the negro began to double up, but before he had a chance to go down Willard stepped back an instant and then let his right go again—this time to the point of the jaw. It was a terrible blow and Jack went down like a shot and rolled over flat on his back. He did not lie down gently, but went down full length with a thud, and it was 20 (not 15) seconds before he was picked up by his seconds. Willard beat him fairly and Johnson's handlers should be men enough to admit it.

Will Go to Australia. Jack Kearns, manager of Billy Murray and Red Watson, has been stung with the Australian bog and intends to visit the land of the Southern Cross (Continued on next page.)

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